



NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2025

A message from our school leaders:

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 pupils for competing in the Handball Festival on Monday! The children performed brilliantly, winning several events and representing the school with excellent behaviour and true sportsmanship.

To begin the week, a member of the DCC Recycling Team visited our school and led our Monday assembly. The children listened intently throughout and even asked some very interesting questions, which our Eco Council members will be able to implement here in school.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends of Middleton meeting this week. We're looking forward to planning some exciting events with our Friends over the coming term!

Correct uniform is being worn by the majority of our pupils, which is great to see. However, this week we have noticed that a small number of pupils are coming to school with incorrect uniform and/or PE kit. Please can you ensure that children have the correct uniform every day in school. Our uniform policy is on our school website for your information.

[Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy - School Uniform](#)

Finally, as the weather gets colder, please ensure children are wearing coats to school each day. Hats and gloves are also recommended during poorer weather conditions to help keep everyone warm and well.

~ Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) ~

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	99.3%
Yr 2/3/4	97.7%
Yr 5/6	98.2%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week, our Nursery has been full of egg-citement as we explored the rhyme, "Humpty Dumpty" and all things egg-related! We sang "Humpty Dumpty" together, acted out the rhyme, and had fun imagining new endings and ways to help Humpty stay safe next time.

The children got hands-on with matching together Humpty Dumpty pictures and broken egg shapes; playing in the construction area, building their own walls using blocks and bricks - we imagined Humpty sitting on top and discussed what might happen if he wobbled! Inspired by Humpty's shell, the children explored mark-making using soft, egg-coloured paints. They created beautiful patterns with zig-zags, stripes, splotches, and spotty designs.

We had a cracking cooking session where the children helped make scrambled eggs. They carefully cracked the eggs, stirred them up, and watched them cook. It was a sensory-rich experience, and everyone enjoyed tasting their warm, fluffy creations!

Wondrous Words of the Week:

- **Shell** – What protects Humpty?
- **Zig-zag** – A fun pattern we painted!
- **Spotty** – Like some of our egg designs!
- **Stripes** – Straight lines in our mark-making.
- **Splotches** – Messy and marvellous paint blobs!





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

Reception and Year 1

This week, Reception have been thoroughly enjoying the story ***Mega Magic Hair Swap!*** The book has sparked lots of excitement and imagination, especially in our role play area, where the children have loved pretending to be hairdressers. They've been using their wonderful words to describe the characters and explore how they might be feeling throughout the story — some fantastic emotional thinking and language development on display!

In addition to story time, Reception have also been learning all about night and day. Through a range of hands-on activities, they've been thinking about the different things we do during the daytime and nighttime, building their understanding of the world around them.

Meanwhile, Year 1 have had a strong focus on geography this week. Using the book ***Me on the Map*** as inspiration, the children have been working hard in their writing lessons to create thoughtful captions. They've also taken their learning outdoors to explore the human and physical features in our local area — a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world exploration!

Well done to all the children for their creativity, curiosity, and hard work this week!





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What have we been up to?

Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week has been wonderfully busy!

In English, the children started planning their own three-part stories, creating unique characters and settings while thinking about ambitious vocabulary and speech. They are excited to begin writing up their plans next week.

In maths, we've focused on estimating numbers on a number line and comparing numbers using greater than, fewer than, and equals to symbols. The engaging activities have helped the children gain confidence in their number skills.

During science, we revisited the food groups and discussed the essential functions of various food types for our bodies. The children learned how proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, and minerals support their health and energy levels.

In R.E., we introduced Judaism through a captivating video that highlighted the significance of Shabbat, and why it is important for Jews to incorporate this into their lives.

Our art lessons have involved learning about L S Lowery; sketching people and animals in his style.

Our music lessons have been a highlight, with the children learning to play the Ukulele and singing along to the rhythms, promoting teamwork and creativity.

Finally, we've been practising our times tables using Times Table Rock Stars. We encourage everyone to use this resource at home to reinforce learning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!





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What have we been up to?

Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 5/6, filled with fantastic achievements, hands-on learning, and lots of creativity!

We started the week with great success at the Handball Festival on Monday. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part, showing brilliant sportsmanship, determination, and teamwork throughout the event. A special congratulations goes to our Middleton teams, who triumphed in both League 1 and League 2! Their excellent communication and cooperative spirit really shone on the court – well done, everyone!

In Design and Technology, the children had great fun bringing their ideas to life as they created their very own pneumatic frogs. Using syringes, tubing, and lots of imagination, the class produced a fantastic range of designs. From colourful creations to inventive mechanisms, it was clear to see how much thought and effort went into each one. The classroom was buzzing with excitement (and a few ribbits!) as pupils tested out their working models.

Our music lessons with Mr. Waite continue to be a highlight of the week. This week, the children performed songs on the ukulele, complete with fun actions to accompany the lyrics. It's been a joy to see the class grow in confidence and musical ability – not to mention the enthusiasm they bring to every session!

In English, we have been working on our first drafts of a non-chronological report all about the Eden Project. The class have been completely fascinated by this incredible eco-attraction and its unique biomes. From learning about the tropical rainforest environment to understanding how sustainable living is promoted, pupils have enjoyed exploring the topic in depth. Their writing so far has been full of interesting facts, thoughtful organisation, and some impressive technical vocabulary. We're looking forward to editing and publishing the final versions soon!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
OCTOBER	
1 st – 31 st Oct	Black History Month
Wed 1 st Oct	'Open the Book' Assembly in partnership with The Pathway
Fri 3 rd Oct	Basketball Competition, Teesdale Leisure Centre – Yr 5+6
Mon 6 th Oct	Yr 5+6 Assembly with PSCO, Preet Singh
Fri 10 th Oct	Wear something Yellow, for World Mental Health Day
Wed 15 th Oct	Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy Open Day 9.15-10.15am – 2.00-4.00pm
Fri 17 th Oct	Harvest Festival at The Pathway, 9.30-10.30am
Mon 20 th – Thurs 23 rd Oct	Parent's Evenings
Tues 21 st Oct	Kurling + Boccia Festival, venue TBC – Yr 1+2
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st Oct	Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER	
Wed 5 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 12 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 19 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 26 th Nov	Football League FINAL , King James Academy